

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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Indoor Air Pollution

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deaths reported across the country due to indoor air pollution and the amount spent by the Government on air pollution health-related costs in the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has held awareness drives to inform citizens, using biomass for cooking and lighting, regarding the effects of indoor air pollutions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide solar cookers to house holds to reduce the incidence of indoor air pollution and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) There are no conclusive data available across the country to establish direct correlationship of death exclusively due to indoor air pollution. The details of funds released to various monitoring agencies under National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP) for air pollution monitoring during last three years (2012-2015) and current financial year (till January 2016) are given at Annexure.

(b) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing the Unnat Chulha Abhiyan (UCA) Programme with the objective to develop and deploy improved biomass cook stoves for providing clean cooking energy solution with a view to reduce drudgery of women and children through reduction of consumption of fuel wood, saving in cooking time and reduction of emissions. The MNRE provides partial financial assistance under this programme which includes distribution /installation of improved biomass cook stoves, training & user orientation, publicity & awareness generation and monitoring etc. State level workshops are held to create awareness about the need and benefits of improved cook stoves.

(c) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is promoting solar cookers to reduce indoor air pollution, under which about 7.05 lakhs solar cookers have been distributed/sold so far.
